

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH  
ABSTRACT

PUBLIC SERVICES – Allegation of corruption of demand and acceptance of bribe by Smt Peddireddi Machara Satyaveni, formerly Municipal Commissioner, Machilipatnam Municipality, Machilipatnam, Krishna District – Trapped on 04.11.2009 – Sanction for Prosecution – Accorded – Regarding.

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MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (VIG.IV) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No. 115

Dt:21.04.2014

**ORDER:**

WHEREAS, Smt Peddireddi Machara Satyaveni W/o S.V.G.V.A. Prasad worked as Municipal Commissioner, Machilipatnam Municipality, Machilipatnam, Krishna District from 10.01.2008 to 04.11.2009 and by virtue of the post held by her, she falls under the category of a public servant as defined under section 2 (c) of P.C.Act, 1988 (Central Act 49 of 1988)

2 AND WHEREAS, Sri Buddala Venkateswara Rao was working as Junior Assistant, Bandarkota Municipal High School, Machilipatnam, Krishna District.

3. AND WHEREAS, it is alleged that Sri Buddala Venkateswara Rao was working as Junior Assistant in Machilipatnam Municipality and had been working on deputation in Bandarkota Municipal High School since 22.10.2007. He went to the office of Regional Director of Municipal Administration, Rajahmundry on 7.10.2009 for information about some previous enquiries. He informed Sri T.V.Raghukanth, Head Master on 7.10.2009 at 9.00 A.M over phone about his going to Rajahmundry and requested to grant him leave for that day. The Head Master asked him to send a telegram in that regard Sri Buddala Venkateswara Rao sent a telegram. On that day Smt Peddireddi Machara Satyaveni, formerly Municipal Commissioner, Machilipatnam Municipality, Machilipatnam, Krishna District inspected the school and marked his absence and issued suspension orders on the same day in ROC No. 6318/09-C1, dated:7.10.2009 of Commissioner, Machilipatnam Municipality. The proceedings were served on Sri Buddala Venkateswara Rao on 8.10.2009. Sri Buddala Venkateswara Rao submitted his representation to Regional Director of Municipal Administration, Rajahmundry stating that he was not at fault and requested to revoke the proceedings. The orders were not revoked. An enquiry was ordered against him and was completed. After that, Sri Buddala Venkateswara Rao met Smt Peddireddi Machara Satyaveni on 23.10.2009 in her residential quarters and requested her to see that he is released from suspension. Smt Peddireddi Machara Satyaveni demanded Rs.10,000/- to see that the enquiry report is sent in his favour to the Regional Director, Rajahmundry and to get him released from suspension. Sri Buddala Venkateswara Rao pleaded his inability to pay the bribe stating that he was not at fault and did not have money and requested Smt Peddireddi Machara Satyaveni to revoke his suspension. Smt. Peddireddi Machara Satyaveni reiterated her demand and categorically stated that he would be released from suspension, only if she was paid and not otherwise. Sri Buddala Venkateswara Rao requested her to reduce the bribe to Rs.5,000/- Smt. Peddireddi Machara Satyaveni asked him to pay the bribe of Rs.5,000/- to her within a week, in her residential quarters and reiterated that his work would not be completed unless she was paid. Sri Buddala Venkateswara Rao who was not willing to pay the bribe had no other go but to consent to the demand of Smt Peddireddi Machara Satyaveni. As Sri B.Venkateswara Rao not willing to pay the bribe to Smt P.Machara Satyaveni approached the DSP, ACB, Vijayawada on 2.11.2009 and gave a report. He requested for necessary action against Smt Peddireddi Machara Satyaveni, Sri Buddala Venkateswara Rao enclosed a CD containing his conversation with Smt. Peddireddi Machara Satyaveni to his report. A case

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in Cr.No.22/RCT-ACB-VIA/2009 U/s 7 of P.C.Act.1988 was registered on 03.11.2009 at 8.30 P.M. after obtaining permission from H.O., ACB, Hyderabad and took up investigation.

4. AND WHEREAS, after completion of pre-trap proceedings on 4-11-2009 from 3.00 AM to 5.00 AM the Deputy Superintendent of Police along with Sri Buddala Venkateswara Rao, mediators, Inspectors and other members of the trap party left the ACB office at 5.20 AM, reached the vicinity of the residential quarter of Smt. Peddireddi Machara Satyaveni. As per the instructions of the DSP, Sri Buddala Venkateswara Rao entered the quarters and found Sri S.V.G.V.A. Prasad, formerly Lecturer in Physics, A.J. Kalasala, Machilipatnam, Krishna District husband of Smt. Peddireddi Machara Satyaveni sitting in a sofa. Sri Buddala Venkateswara Rao asked him about Smt. Peddireddi Machara Satyaveni and he replied that she had gone on her daily rounds in the municipal limits to inspect sanitation and asked him to wait for the return of Smt. Peddireddi Machara Satyaveni. Sri Buddala Venkateswara Rao went outside the premises and after Smt. Peddireddi Machara Satyaveni coming he approached Smt. Peddireddi Machara Satyaveni. Smt. P.M. Satyaveni asked him whether he had come prepared with the bribe demanded by her. Sri Buddala Venkateswara Rao replied in affirmative and took out the tainted amount and was about to give it to her. Smt. Peddireddi Machara Satyaveni asked him to pay the bribe to Sri S.V.G.V.A. Prasad, who had been standing beside her listening to the conversation. Sri Buddala Venkateswara Rao handed over the tainted amount to Sri S.V.G.V.A. Prasad. Sri S.V.G.V.A. Prasad asked him to wait, picked up a white paper and asked Sri Buddala Venkateswara Rao to put the money in the white paper. Sri Buddala Venkateswara Rao put the money in the white paper and handed it over to Sri S.V.G.V.A. Prasad. Sri Buddala Venkateswara Rao took leave of Smt. Peddireddi Machara Satyaveni. Meanwhile, Sri S.V.G.V.A. Prasad picked up the wad of notes from the white paper, as though he was checking the currency notes with his right hand, Sri Buddala Venkateswara Rao came out and was followed by the two attenders and gave the pre arranged signal after coming out of the premises. Then the DSP, Mediators and trap party rushed into the quarters of Smt. Peddireddi Machara Satyaveni. When the DSP got conducted SC solution tests on both hand fingers of Smt. Peddireddi Machara Satyaveni, the same yielded negative result. The DSP secured the presence of Sri Buddala Venkateswara Rao and asked him what had happened after he left the trap party. On that the DSP got conducted SC solution tests on both hand fingers of Sri S.V.G.V.A. Prasad, the right hand fingers proved positive. When the DSP asked about the tainted amount, Sri S.V.G.V.A. Prasad picked up a news paper laying on the floor near key point, opened it and showed the white paper with the amount in the news paper, after seeing the trap party dropped it on the floor. As per the instructions of the DSP one of the mediators took the tainted currency notes and found the serial numbers when compared with pre-trap proceedings found tallied. The DSP also got conducted the SC solution tests on the surfaces of white paper that came into contact with the tainted amount and the same yielded positive result. The resultant solutions were seized. The DSP also seized the tainted amount of Rs. 5000/-, white paper and news paper and connected records etc., for the purpose of further investigation. The DSP got the audio CD given by Sri Buddala Venkateswara Rao along with his report, a copy of which was taken for record, played in an audio CD played procured from the residence of Smt. Peddireddi Machara Satyaveni to the listening of Smt. Peddireddi Machara Satyaveni, Sri S.V.G.V.A. Prasad, the mediators and Sri Buddala Venkateswara Rao, After listening to the conversation on the audio CD, Smt. Peddireddi Machara Satyaveni remained silent.

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5. AND WHEREAS, the acts of Smt. Peddireddi Machara Satyaveni, formerly Municipal Commissioner, Machilipatnam Municipality, Krishna district constitute offences punishable under sections 7 & 13 (2) read with 13(1) (d) of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988.

6. AND WHEREAS, the Government of Andhra Pradesh being competent authority to remove Smt. Peddireddi Machara Satyaveni, formerly Municipal Commissioner, Machilipatnam Municipality, Machilipatnam, Krishna district from service after fully and carefully examining the material (i.e. Final Report, FIR, mediator namas, Gist of statement of witnesses etc.) placed before them in respect of the afore said acts and the circumstances of the case consider that Smt. Peddireddi Machara Satyaveni, formerly Municipal Commissioner, Machilipatnam Municipality, Machilipatnam, Krishna district should be prosecuted in the court of Law.

7. NOW THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred by Clause (b) of Sub-Section (1) of Section 19 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988, the Government hereby accord sanction for the prosecution of the above said Smt. Peddireddi Machara Satyaveni, formerly Municipal Commissioner, Machilipatnam Municipality, Machilipatnam, Krishna district offences punishable under sections 7 & 13 (2) read with 13 (1) (d) of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 and for any other cognate offence punishable under any other provisions of Law for the time being in force in respect of the aforesaid acts and for taking cognizance of the said offences by a court of competent jurisdiction.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

Dr.S.K.JOSHI  
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To  
The Director General Anti-Corruption Bureau,  
Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.  
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//FORWARDED BY ORDER//

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